

REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed on May 14, 2008. Claims 12-15, 21-25, and 30-34 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-3, 5-11, 16, 18-20, 26-29, and 35-44 were pending at the time the Office Action was issued. Applicant hereby amends Claims 1, 6-7, 26-27, 35, 37, and 41, and 43, and cancels Claims 5, 28, and 36. Claims 1-3, 6-11, 16, 18-20, 26-27, 29, 35, and 37-44 remain pending.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action states that claims 16 and 18-20 are allowable. Moreover, the Office Action also states that Claims 5-7 and 43 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any other intervening claims. Applicant hereby thanks the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Without further comment or prejudice as to the merits of the Examiner's rejections, and without prejudice to the filing of subsequent continuation or divisional applications, Applicant hereby requests to amend claims to expedite the issuance of the subject matter acknowledged as being allowable by the Examiner.

More specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 5, thereby placing Claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claims 2-3, 6-11, and 43 depend from Claim 1 and are also in condition for allowance. Claim 5 has been canceled.

Similarly, Claim 26 has been amended to include limitations that are substantial similar to the limitations in Claim 5. Therefore, Claim 26 is in

condition for allowance. Claims 27 and 29 depend from Claim 26 and are also in condition for allowance.

Additionally, Claim 35 has been amended to include to include limitations that are substantial similar to the limitations in Claim 5. Therefore, Claim 35 is in condition for allowance. Claims 37-40 depend from Claim 35 and are also in condition for allowance.

Finally, Claim 41 has been amended to include to include limitations that are substantial similar to the limitations in Claim 5. Therefore, Claim 41 is in condition for allowance. Claims 42 and 44 depend from Claim 35 and are also in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3, 6-11, 16, 18-20, 26-27, 29, 35, and 37-44 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, as well as consideration and prompt allowance of the claims. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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